

lute, the method including the further step of operating the modulating control valve.

39 (New). \ Solvent obtained by the method of Claim 18.

#### REMARKS

This is a preliminary Amendment to the above-identified patent application. The amendments are made to correct certain informalities and/or clerical errors in the original application, as filed.

Specifically, due to a printing error, the last two lines of paragraph [0061] were inadvertently omitted. By this Amendment, that paragraph has been completed.

Also, due to a printing error, the last two lines of Claim 35 were omitted. By this Amendment, Claim 35 has been amended accordingly.

Finally, new Claims 36-39, which should have been included, have been added.

The amendments made to the present application do not present new matter. For example, the amendments to paragraph [0061] are fully supported in the parent application, International Application No. PCT/GB00/03351, filed September 1, 2000, from which the present continuation application claims priority. In addition, it is noted that International Application No. PCT/GB00/03351 has



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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

[0061] In summary, the advantages of the invention include:  
simple control of the distribution of inventory of solvent in a  
closed loop system; ability to combine solvent receiver with  
condenser and thereby save cost of the vessel; control over  
temperature of solvent being fed to the extraction system.

IN THE CLAIMS:

35 (Amended). An assembly according to Claim 34, wherein the  
variable is selected from:

the pressure of solvent vapour fed to the heat exchanger;  
the temperature of fluid at a chosen location in the assembly;  
the difference between solvent pressure values at the low  
point of the lute and at the inlet to the heat exchanger.


been incorporated by reference at, for example, page 6, paragraph [0020] of the present application.

Support for the amendment to claim 35 may be found near the end of paragraph [0028] of the specification. Support for new Claims 36-39 may be found at paragraphs [0029]-[0030] of the specification, as well as in the detailed description of the invention, beginning at paragraph [0038] of the specification.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that no fee is due with this Amendment. If a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039. A duplicate copy of this page is hereby submitted.

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